

NEW HAMPSHIRE BOARD OF
MENTAL HEALTH PRACTICE

BOARD MEETING MINUTES – February 21, 2014

Present: Shawn Hassell, MS, LMFT, Richard Phelps, MSW, LICSW, Dayl H. Hufford, D.Min., LPP, Jane Power Kilcoyne, Ed.D., Kathleen Skinner Shulman, Public member and Honorable Joseph P. Nadeau, Public Member present by teleconference call as allowed by RSA 91-A:2 III.

Not present: Alan Goodman, Ph.D., LCMHC

Board meeting was called to order at 11:00 AM

Draft minutes of the January 17, 2014 meeting were reviewed by the Board. Motion was made by Dayl Hufford and seconded by Kathleen Skinner Shulman to approve the minutes as recorded.

Vote: For: SH, RP, JN, KSS, JK, DH
Opposed: 0
Recused: 0

I. CORRESPONDENCE

- A. Gary Goodnough, Ph.D. & Gail Mears, Ed.D., Dean – The Board reviewed a letter from Dr. Goodnough and Dr. Mears of Plymouth State University regarding their perspective to proposed changes to NH Administrative rules. Motion was made by Joseph Nadeau and seconded by Richard Phelps to send a letter to Drs. Goodnough and Mears stating that the Board's initial proposal has been noticed in the NH Rulemaking Register and their letter will be included with the written comments to be considered after the public hearing. Motion passed unanimously.

II. LEGISLATION UPDATE

- A. HB 1442 relative to mental health courts and SB 270 establishing a commission to study mental health implementation in NH was brought to the Board's attention as legislation to follow.

SB 270 – The Board discussed the matter that the commission to study mental health implementation in NH does not include any practitioners licensed with the Board of Mental Health Practice. Motion was made by Shawn Hassell and seconded by Kathleen Skinner Shulman to send a letter

to Senator Fuller Clark stating that the Board would strongly support the appointment of one or more representatives from persons licensed with the Board of Mental Health Practice to the commission. Motion passed unanimously.

III. DISCUSSION AND REVIEW

- A. Public Hearing on proposed rules – At its January 17, 2014 meeting the Board scheduled the public hearing on the proposed rules for April 18, 2014 which is Good Friday. Motion was made by Richard Phelps and seconded by Shawn Hassell to change the date of the hearing to Friday, April 11, 2014. Ms. Lynch will follow the procedure to have the date changed in the Rulemaking Register. Motion passed unanimously.
- B. Professional Conduct Investigators – discussion as to whether or not a Professional Conduct Investigator (PCI) can hold an inactive license was tabled until March 21, 2014.

IV. DOCKET NO. 2014-001

- A. Barbara Desiderio, Applicant for LICSW - At the request of Ms. Desiderio the hearing on the denial of her application has been postponed. The hearing has been rescheduled for Friday, May 16, 2014 at 11 am.

V. DOCKET NO. 14-003

- A. DiMeglio, Joan, LICSW – The Board issued a Notice of Hearing on this matter. An adjudicatory hearing is scheduled for July 18, 2014.

Upon the motion of Kathleen Skinner Shulman and seconded by Shawn Hassell, the Board, by roll call vote, resolved to conduct a non-public session for the purpose of discussing applications, investigations of alleged misconduct of licensees, final disciplinary action and other adjudicatory decisions, in accordance with RSA 91-A:3, II (c), RSA 91-A:3, II (e), RSA 91-A:5, IV, *Lodge v. Knowlton*, 118 N.H. 574 (1978), RSA 330-A:29, V, and the Board's executive and deliberative privileges. Each member recorded his or her vote on the motion, which passed by the unanimous vote of all members present.

[Non-public minutes held separately]

Upon the motion of Kathleen Skinner Shulman and the second of Shawn Hassell, the Board by roll call vote, resolved to withhold the minutes of the preceding non-public session, with the exception of approved applications, responses to motions and disciplinary actions until they are served, and CEU's for Professional Conduct Investigators from public disclosure pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, III on the grounds that public disclosure would be likely to affect adversely the reputation of a person other than

a Board member and to render the proposed action ineffective. Each member recorded his or her vote on the motion, which passed by the unanimous vote of all members present.

I. APPLICATIONS APPROVED FOR LICENSURE

- A. Approved mental health counselors: Kendall Schieding, Susan Believeau, Patricia Bethune, Traci Weaver, Catherine Haynes, Cheryl Laurenza and Monika Faber
- B. Approved clinical social workers: Gail Gardetto, Katherine May, Nicole Radice, Elisabeth Maguire Larney and Jennifer Olgiati.
- C. Approved marriage & family therapists – Karen McCann
- D. Approved pastoral psychotherapists – Ara Heghinian

II. APPROVED CANDIDATE FOR LICENSURE: SUPERVISORY AGREEMENTS

- A. Mental Health Counselors: Angela Wilson, Julie Twaddle, Ryan Holder, Rachel Umberger, Jennifer Savage, Sherry Morrall and Tania Osborn-Fiandaca
- B. Social Workers: Sarah Fenton, Joshua New, Rebecca Pike, Roxanna Usticke, Jody Vougarakis, Colleen Zarrella and Heidi Moran
- C. Marriage & Family Therapists: Amber Kerby
- D. Pastoral Psychotherapists: no agreements for review

Meeting was adjourned at 1:00 PM

Next meeting scheduled for February 21, 2014